# TIME MANAGEMENT TOOLS

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## **Available Tools**

- Day Planners
- Handheld PDA's
- PDA / Cell Phones
- Handheld tape recorders
- PIM Software
- Tablet PC's



#### PAPER SOLUTIONS



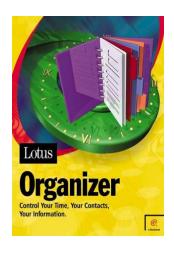
#### Day Planners:

Old paper – based organizers are still around but now they have PIM software partners

# PERSONAL INFORMATION MANGAGERS (PIMs)

- PIMs are software programs designed to run on computers or PDAs that help you keep track of addresses, appointments, phone numbers and notes to yourself.
- The basics of a good PIM are a calendar, address book and scheduler.
- New PIMs integrate with e-mail and office suite software, and also include Web access.

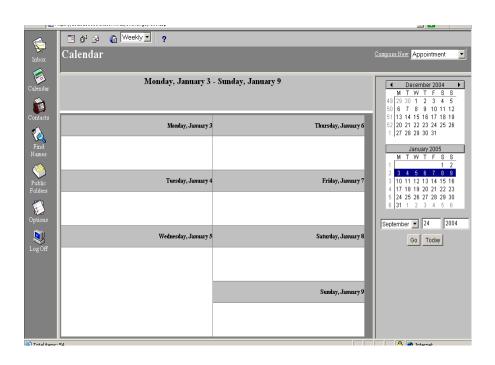
## **EXAMPLES OF PIM'S**

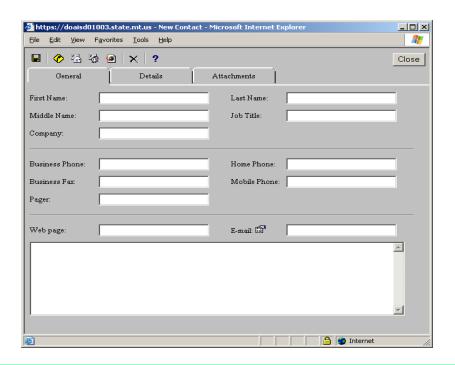


Microsoft Outlook

Lotus Organizer

Any Day





## **ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS**

A Few Examples of Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's):

PalmOne

Hewlett Packard

Sharp

Toshiba

Dell

Sony

Blackberry

#### PDA FEATURES

- SCREEN SIZE
- FAST PROCESSOR, LOTS OF MEMORY
- OPERATING SYSTEM
- EASE OF USE
- BATTERY LIFE AND BATTERY TYPE
- RECHARGE TIME
- BUILT-IN SOFTWARE
- MEMORY CARD SLOTS

## PDA FEATURES (continued)

- COLOR SCREEN AND HIGH RESOLUTION
- PIM SOFTWARE COMPATIBILITY
- SMALL SIZE
- LIGHTWEIGHT
- WIRELESS INTERNET CAPABLE
- BLUETOOTH CAPABLE
- BUILT-IN CELL PHONE, CAMERA, VOICE RECORDER

## PDA FEATURES (continued)

- INFORMATION ENTRY METHODS
- STYLUS DESIGN
- FUNCTIONAL DESIGN
- DURABILITY
- DESKTOP CRADLE
- EASE OF SET-UP / TECH SUPPORT
- HARD RESET AVOIDANCE

## **PDA LINKS**

- <a href="http://www.pdareviewspot.com/">http://www.pdareviewspot.com/</a>
- http://denison.uchsc.edu/education/PDA.htm
- <a href="http://www.west.asu.edu/it/hardware/pda.htm">http://www.west.asu.edu/it/hardware/pda.htm</a>
- http://guide.darwinmag.com/technology/perso nal/pda/
- <a href="http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/pd">http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/pd</a> areference.html

### **PDA LINKS**

http://www.extremepda.com/links.htm

#### PDA Use in libraries:

http://web.simmons.edu/~fox/PDA.html

#### PDA Use in Hospital Libraries:

http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/pda/libraries.html

## **USING THE TOOLS**

- Don't be afraid of the learning curve
- Be consistent daily is daily, occasionally is not worth much.
- One source works multiple sources mean you never have the information you need when you need it.
- Backup everything. An appointment lost, a contact lost, may mean work is a do-over, and who needs that.